

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**
3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

January 17, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Callender, Terry Louque, Al Bargas, John Brass, Russell Cornette, Anthony Rouchon, Randolph Saucier, Jerry Thibeau, Dale Zuelke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Thompson, Willie George Lee, Joel Louque, Larry Thomas

NOTE: Dale Zuelke entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Dietmar Rietschier, Executive Director
Toni Guitrau, Executive Secretary
Larry Bankston, Attorney
David Shoptaugh, CPA

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Callender.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
3. Minutes
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Thibeau to approve the December 13, 2011 meeting minutes, as presented.

Note: At 6:04 Dale Zuelke entered the meeting following approval of the December 2011 minutes.

4. Financial Statement Report
 - Bargas presented to the Board the December 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Cornette to approve the December 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
 - Discussed and agreed to schedule quarterly Finance Committee meetings.
 - The Board and CPA David Shoptaugh discussed an updated version of the financial statement for future board approval.
5. Report by Executive Director
 - Rietschier presented an annual report of the status of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project.
 - Discussed mitigation issues regarding the present mitigation area and the possibility of expanding it.
 - The inter-governmental agreement between ARBC and LADOTD regarding real estate acquisition is waiting the approval by LA DOTD.
 - ARBC is waiting for approval by the USACE to purchase the remaining tracts along Plank Road in the vicinity of canal crossing.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel/Old Business
 - Report of litigation concerning Livingston Parish Sheriff Commissions. Bankston advised waiting to see how the Supreme Court rules.
 - The CEA between the ARBC/LADOTD is pending.
 - Lilly Bayou Area: Bankston addressed the issue of procedures for cease and desist legal notification in reference to hunters on the property. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Bargas seconded by Cornette to order and post no-trespassing signs. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cornette seconded by Rouchon to authorize hiring someone to post the no-trespassing signs.

- Callender vs. CRPC: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau seconded by Rouchon to enter into Executive Session for 15 minutes. The board reconvened the regular session after the discussion of pending litigation. No official action was taken by the board at this time.
- A letter to Editor (The Advocate) was drafted in response to the recent Munson 'Letter to the Editor'.

7. New Business:

- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon seconded by Thibeau to authorize ARBC President Lawrence Callender to sign the deed on Tracts 101,102, and 103 (Munson Property).

8. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cornette, second by Zuelke to adjourn the meeting at 7 pm.

APPROVED:

/s/ Lawrence Callender

Lawrence Callender, ARBC President

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau

Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary

Date: February 21, 2012